

Summary

The beekeepers and growers both seem appreciative of the administration for initiating dialogue between the different stakeholders on the issue of pollinator protection. The EPA and growers also both believe that they will be expected to do something to protect pollinators by the administration and the public. When asked by the growers how the environmental community has reacted to the proposed rules, the EPA responded that it has been quite, possibly because they believe that the proposed rules do not go far enough. The growers also expressed disappointment with only a 30-day extension and stressed that it's a challenge for them to fully understand the proposed rules and they will probably need more time. There were also talks about quarterly meetings to report progress and issues that come up among each organizations members. Lastly the growers also seemed concerned about the ambiguity in the definition of what a contract is, which matches the beekeepers concerns. Throughout the meeting Industry was fairly quite.